

***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

Applicant: Hassan M. FATHALLAH-SHAYKH  
Title: METHODS FOR ELIMINATING FALSE DATA  
FROM COMPARATIVE DATA MATRICES  
AND FOR QUANTIFYING DATA MATRIX  
QUALITY  
Appl. No.: 10/633,875  
Filing Date: 8/4/2003  
Examiner: Shubo Zhou  
Art Unit: 1631  
Confirmation Number: 5251

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Examiner Zhou:

In the Office Action mailed November 16, 2007, Applicant was required to make a species election. Applicant hereby provisionally elects Species A, gene expression and nucleic acid expression, for examination, with traverse. Applicant submits that the elected species reads upon at least pending claims 1-15, 17-28, 36-38, and 43-44.

The period for the initial response to the Office Action is set to expire on December 16, 2007. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.